
CBO's Baseline Projections of Discretionary Spending (In billions of dollars)

	Actual 2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total, 2003- 2007	Total, 2003- 2012
Budget Authority														
Defense	331	348	357	367	376	386	396	406	417	428	439	451	1,881	4,022
Nondefense	<u>331</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>1,973</u>	<u>4,211</u>
Total	662	711	733	751	770	790	810	831	853	875	898	921	3,854	8,233
Outlays														
Defense	306	351	356	363	375	381	387	401	411	422	437	441	1,862	3,974
Nondefense	<u>343</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>408</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>4,600</u>
Total	649	733	764	784	808	824	841	866	888	910	937	953	4,021	8,575

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office.

NOTES: CBO's baseline projections assume that discretionary spending grows at the rate of inflation after 2002, using the inflators specified in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (the gross domestic product deflator and the employment cost index).

In CBO's projections, discretionary outlays always exceed budget authority because of spending from the Highway Trust Fund and the Airport and Airways Trust Fund, which is subject to obligation limitations in appropriation acts. The budget authority for such programs is provided in authorizing legislation and is not considered discretionary. Another reason outlays exceed budget authority is that outlays include spending from appropriations provided in previous years.
